



# THE TRANSFORMER

NASA Dryden's IFMP Newsletter

"Change is often rejuvenating, invigorating, fun ...and necessary" Lynn Povich

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## Highlights

### **Core Financial – The Online Quick Reference Guide (OLQR) is a Valuable Tool for Core Financial Users**

The OLQR contains a glossary, job aids, and common error messages as well as walk throughs for SAP user procedures. Can't figure out how to print a P.R.? P-Card displaying a strange error message? The OLQR most likely has the answer you're looking for. To access the OLQR, type <https://access.ifmp.nasa.gov> in your web browser and select the "Online Quick Reference" link.

### **Full Cost is the method.**

The full cost concept ties all Agency costs to major activities. These major activities within NASA are Agency programs/projects; all costs are assigned to benefiting programs/projects. NASA plans to manage, budget, and account for costs on a project basis. This full cost data will reside in the Budget Formulation system. Stay tuned for more details!!

### **Budget Formulation is the tool.**

Core Financial is in full swing and the Budget Formulation (BF) module is coming up soon! This module roll-out is scheduled in two releases: R 0.5 and R 1.0. Release 0.5 is scheduled for Oct. 27, 2003 and will support reporting, full cost budgeting and planning for Projects, Service Pools and G&A. It will also allow for Center top down / bottom-up decision-making. In addition, the BF module will share budget information with the IFMP Core Finance Module to establish full cost accounting controls and planned versus actual reporting.

**WebTADS-** "It's About Time", a web-based Time and Attendance system will soon replace Dryden's current timekeeping process for civil servants. WebTADS is currently being used at NASA Ames, Kennedy, Stennis, Langley, and Marshall. Feedback from users at these centers is that WebTADS is easy to use, and is convenient to access from work, home, or anywhere you have web access. It also has capabilities for overtime approval, comp-time approval, and leave planning. Training for WebTADS will be September through November.

## BISS Bits

The BISS Help Desk can assist with a wide range of technical and functional issues. Whether it is a password reset or a how-to question, the support staff is ready and willing to assist with and coordinate resolution of calls. For assistance, please call X2477.

## Training Opportunities

Though you may -only recently- have heard about the Full Cost initiative, this process was initially started several years ago. Full Cost is the information that is input to the Budget Formulation tool; one supports the other. Therefore, the training for both Full Cost and Budget Formulation will be closely integrated.

A summary of upcoming training is provided below:

- WebTADS – September – November
- Full Cost and Budget Formulation – October – December

If you have any questions about training, please contact anyone on the Change Management Team. Terrence Montgomery (x 6120), Caron Lee (x 5991), or Angela Ritchey (x7983) and Monica Krause (x 3027).

## The Spotlight

**Who's Who in IFMP at DFRC?** Lisa Gardner shines in the Spotlight this month, supporting Code C. Lisa has been at NASA since 1996. She was an original member of the IFMP implementation team and has held numerous titles in the technical arena. She was instrumental on the Core Financial project as the Data Conversion Lead and is currently the IT POC representative for Code C and the NASA BISS Help Desk Lead. You can usually find Lisa sitting in the corner at meetings, multi-tasking, being very quiet, and out of the blue jumping in with outstanding ideas!

**Change Agent Spotlight** shines on Teasha Patton-Smallling, Technical Liaison with Kay & Associates, Inc. and Dryden functional expert for Integrated Asset Management. Teasha has been at NASA for 23 years supporting various areas. Teasha comments that "communication is key" when it comes to her role as a change agent. Communicating any concerns or issues from the end-user community as well as getting them answers to their questions is of vital importance.

**July "Flying Pig" award winner** is Patti Daws

**July "Above & Beyond" award winner** is Angela Ritchey